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Dear Bill:

We are very pleased to hear of your trip to this country. As far as we know we are going to be here in mid-May and are looking forward to seeing you. In view of your schedule, I think the best arrangement might be for us to book a room for Pritchard and yourself at Rickey's Studio Inn in Palo Alto. I think you will find this a rather interesting place to stay and it is quite convenient for all of us. As you would also like to visit Berkeley and as the public transportation in the Bay Area is not all that it might be, you would be very well advised to rent a car for the three or four day interval. We will leave a reservation in your name at the Hertz Auto Rental Service at San Francisco International Airport; if you would prefer to make another arrangement, I would ask you to let me know now or to cancel the reservation when you arrive at the Airport. They can give you full instructions as to how to travel to Rickey's. As you probably know very well, your English license will be valid during a visit here. If you want some time at Berkeley I imagine you will want to go up there on Tuesday evening but there would be plenty of time to arrange your accommodations on two days notice.

We had been deeply distressed to hear of your crack-up and were relieved to hear from you now as evidence that you were well over it.

We will brief our friends at Stanford of your arrival but will leave you to contact whomever you want to see at Berkeley - I would imagine at least Adelburg and Pardee. Unfortunately, as you probably know, Gunther Stent is away this year.

Yours cordially,

Joshua Lederberg
Professor of Genetics

P.S. Our phone number is Davenport 2 0686 and please call us when you arrive. If you let us know your flight arrival plan, we might look into meeting you at the Airport but this is rather hazardous in terms of schedule uncertainties and it would be most prudent not to count on it.